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Organization Santa Rosa Stake Progressing; First Conference Set

Two new wards have been created in the Santa Rosa Stake: Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Napa, Vallejo, Carquinez Wards have been reorganized

SANTA ROSA WARD

Cloyd R. Moss, Bishop; Kenneth Kenworthy, First Counselor; Jay E. Briscoe, Second Counselor.

UKIAH WARD

Lee Southwick, Bishop; Victor L. Porter, First Counselor; Wm. James Jordan, Second Counselor.

NAPA WARD

Allan C. Woolley, Bishop; Rex Candland, First Counselor; F. Lee Francon, Second Counselor.

VALLEJO WARD

Vernon C. Newman, Bishop; Evan J. Powell, First Counselor; Glen W. Zundell, Second Counselor.

CARQUINEZ WARD

David A. Harris, Bishop; James Dow Johnson, First Counselor; Lorenzo H. Mitton, Second Counselor.

The Stake Relief Society, Sunday School and Primary heads have been selected as given below:

STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY

Vera M. Sorensen, President; (former president of Carquinez Relief Society); Martha Byrne, First Counselor; Elverda Telford, Second Counselor; Leota Hamblin, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.

George W. Bruerton, Supt.; Ralph Southwick, First Counselor; Harvey Nielson, Second Counselor; Nancy Soper, Secretary.

YMMIA SUPERINTENDENT

Max Warr, Superintendent; Jack Johnson, First Counselor; George Herron, Second Counselor.

YWMIA SUPERINTENDENT

Luella Buhlman, President; Ruth Clark, First Counselor; Athol Warr, Second Counselor.

PRIMARY

Irene Hartup, President; Marie Johnson, First Counselor; Helen Brockbauch, Second Counselor.

FIRST STAKE CONFERENCE

The first Quarterly Conference of Santa Rosa Stake will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, in Vallejo ward chapel.

GET ACQUAINTED PARTY

Santa Rosa Stake held a Get-together Reception February 23 in the Santa Rosa recreational hall. a general feeling of pleasure prevailed regarding the progress being made in our new wards, and new ward and stake organizations.

Optimism is the keynote of the members everywhere of the new and most promising Santa Rosa stake.

Berkeley Stake Conference Retains Near-Nomal Attendance

With an attendance of 1128 that made seating a premium value, and with interest and instruction equal to past conferences, the Berkeley Stake quarterly gatherings met Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11, in the Berkeley chapel. While 26 per cent of the stake's previous population had been annexed to the newly created Santa Rosa stake since last

JOS. F. MERRILL, APOSTLE

conference, still this loss in membership seemed to have been compensated in the meetings by a greater attendance from the remaining eight wards and one branch.

A recapitulation of the sessions shows Joseph F. Merrill, eldest of the Church General Authorities, analyzing the stake's quarterly reports of priesthood quorums and also expanding upon the great achievement of the unschooled and youthful prophet, Joseph Smith; President Harmon calling for greater parental Gospel guidance of Youth; President Ranker calling for a closer acquaintance with the book of "Doctrine and Covenants," and President Mayhew reporting on stake activities.

Heard also at the conference were Annette Wood stake Primary president, Delbert H. Rock, High Council Chairman of Aaronic Priesthood committee, Elder Delbert H. Rock, Jr., returned from

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President Harmon Says Farewell to the Santa Rosa Saints Formerly Members Of Berkeley Stake

President W. Glenn Harmon expressed the sentiments of the people of Berkeley stake when he lately said that in separating from these former Berkeley stake members we are losing some of the finest people in the world. "However, while we are divided we are not separated," he added.

NEW SANTA ROSA STAKE PRESIDENCY—Left to right: Thomas C. Byrne, first counselor; John Murdock, president, and Bryant S. Knowlton, second counselor.

The 1951 Star-Time Varieties, Comedy, Song, Drama, Dancing; A Galaxy of Hollywood Stars; The King Sisters; Choir of 300 Under Spencer Cornwall;

The huge Berkeley High School Community Theatre will be all aglow Friday, Mar. 16, filled from top to bottom with happy, expectant faces from every section of the bay region, including San Francisco, the Peninsula and other points, to behold the first great "Star-Time Varieties," featuring the celebrated King Sisters, William Farnum, Roddy McDowell, Terry Moore, The Guardsmen, and Spencer Cornwall leading the colorful pageantry of a 300 voice choir in the "Triumph of Faith," with Ewan Harbrecht as soloist and narration by William Farnum.

Three and one-half hours of comedy, music, dancing and drama, this promises a never-to-be-forgotten evening, the high watermark of entertainment by the best of Hollywood, and also the best of Mormondom in the colorful pageant, the "Triumph of Faith," led by the Tabernacle Choir master, Spencer Cornwall, and featuring solos by wonderful Ewan Harbrecht.

Terry Moore, Salt Lake City born Hollywood star, will share the honors with Roddy McDowell in their rolls of "Masters of Ceremonies."

ALL TIME HIGH

The stakes of Southern California thought Englewood stake had set an all-time high in this type of "super-colossal" entertainment when they put on the huge "Alarm Clock Frolics" in Los Angeles last fall and drew an audience of capacity size that netted the Welfare Fund over $30,000. But this "Star-Time Varieties' is geared to even higher standards, and we are now promised a show the likes of which has never been dreamed of heretofore among our people. It is positively "tops" in every way.

Tickets are being handled in the wards by bishops and for all outside of Oakland stake through Attorney Heber James Brown who may be reached by phones: business TW. 3-3345 and residence HU. 3-0172, at 1305 Franklin St., Oakland, and Albert P. Heiner 2616 Charleston St., Oakland Kellog 2-6621. The choicest seats are already reaching a high in sales, and all are advised to arrange for their tickets well in advance of the great evening of Friday, March 16.

KING SISTERS

One of the notable events of the evening will be a great Home Coming reception for the King Sisters to be carried off at intermission time on the great stage of the Berkeley High School Community Theatre. These famous four sisters got their concert stage start in the San Francisco bay region, being the daughters of our former Oakland stake Chorister, W. King Driggs. They are great favorites everywhere, and this home-coming reception will be a heart warmer for everyone.

Want An Ideal Pre-Easter Vacation? Mesa Temple Trip Offers Just That

Can one imagine a more delightful place for a rest and change than is found in Arizona around Phoenix and Mesa in early spring when the desert is in flower and the sun warm and the air balmy everywhere.

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Who's going? Don't know everyone, but among them will be Sister Shaw taking two cars of young people for Monday in the temple; Herb Van Noy and the Mrs., the Elmer Clarks, the William Evans, the Perkins, the Russells, the Crandalls and the Calls, one or the other, and so forth, including also the Perry G. Earls, and the Marchants, and a lot more.

It is of first importance that those who are going make up their minds just as soon as possible and inform the committee in your ward. Why? So that President Paine of the Temple may know how many rooms he must get ready to receive. Rooms, and in some cases board, will be available in the homes of nearby saints, if we know in time.

The trains leave the Southern Pacific station, Third and Broadway at 7:39 p.m., March 17, or from the Third Street station in San Francisco at 8:00 p.m., the same day.

One thing is sure; those who go will fall into the loving embrace of Brother and Sister Charles C. Carr, he the former bishop of Oakland and of Claremont wards. They are permanent temple workers at Mesa, devoting their means and their time to the work of the Lord, and full of love for everyone.

June Temple Caravan Holds Great Annual Dinner Concert

Master of Ceremonies, A. Seldon Millward, united his talents with those of Dora Ruegg and the result was splendid success for the annual Temple Pilgrimage Dinner in the Berkeley chapel last Friday evening, February 23.

"Sel" had arranged and directed a most interesting program, while Dora "cheffed" a grand "ham and" dinner. It was all under the general direction of Delbert Rock, the chairman of the Pilgrimage, and also of Genealogical Chairman, C. Ronald Smith.

The culminating sentiments of those who addressed the dinner throng was that the stake should now begin in earnest to engage in work for our dead because the Bay Area will be next in order to have a temple after the Los Angeles temple is completed.

The trip to Idaho Falls temple in June 1951 will offer everyone time to arrange affairs so that they may join the Berkeley stake caravan for a period of from three to five days in the temple. Recreational features will be arranged to make the trip not too taxing and many will make the journey part of their annual vacation. Yellowstone Park is not far from Idaho Falls, for instance.

● Turkey breeding and hatching is now on its way to becoming big business in Utah. The sale of turkeys for the tables of the nation from Utah poultry farms, is also great.

Look Into the Faces of 200 Young LDS Missionaries Gathered in Convention.

....Listen to the voices of 200 LDS missionaries singing "We Thank The, O God, For A Prophet." Look into their clear faces; shake their hands, feel their spirit of love and sweetness of soul; ..These were the privilege of the editor when the Northern California Missionary Convention was held in the Oakland chapel February 20, 21 and 22.

Hear the ringing messages and the fervent testimonies of President Gardner and his counsellors, Sessions and Call, and drink in the Holy Spirit as these elders rose one by one and bore their personal.. testimonies.. from.. the Holy Ghost as to the divinity of Jesus the Christ and this great latter-day work. It was a treat, a feast, a joy beyond measure.

Dimond and Alameda Relief Societies shared honors of serving dinners on two days, and scores of local LDS homes welcomed these elders for their three-day stay.

S. F. Stake News

A two-stake Sunday School convention was held February 11 with San Francisco host to the Palo Alto Stake. Visitors from the General Sunday School Board were Gerrit de Jong and Brother and Sister James Barker, who formerly headed the Argentine Mission and later the French Mission.

STAKE MIA

The Stake MIA has a busy month ahead. Extensive plans are being made for the Green and Gold Ball to be held March 9 in the Stake Recreation Hall. The following night a "Teen Age Gold and Green Ball" will be held. The youngest set of the MIA membership will be out in force to enjoy the games and dances. Special interest is being shown in the Stake ski trip to Yosemite. Leaving at midnight March 23 in two Greyhound busses a large crowd will spend the day in Yosemite enjoying winter sports. By dark they will be on their way back, planning to be home by midnight.

A dance festival has been set for March 30, and a stake play is in rehearsal to be given in March or April. New members on the YWMIA are Lorraine Wilkinson, a talented musician who performs frequently on both radio and television. The music festival planned under her direction will take place in April and have as its theme, "On Wings of Song." Viola Kay is the Mia-Maids leader and Helen Whatcott is in the recreation department.

BALBOA WARD

February 18 faithful members of the Balboa ward spent the day in fasting and prayer. Eager to find a suitable lot on which to build, they have been unable to buy such lots as seem satisfactory, so they have taken this means of opening up the way to start their ward home.

Each member of the bishopric has interesting family news. Jeanine Cummings, the daughter of Bishop and Sister Cummings is to be married April 5 in the Salt Lake City Temple to Will Tolburt, a fellow student at the BYU. Will is from Pennsylvania, and his family will be coming to Salt Lake City for the wedding and to attend conference. Douglas Allen, son of the Louis Allens, will be married to Marilyn Miles on March 16. Theirs will also be a temple marriage. Doug expects to be taken into the serive soon after his graduation from the BYU in June. Marilyn graduated from the same school last June. David Simister, son of the George Simisters, has completed his mission in England and is at present traveling in Europe. He will sail for home March 6.

STAKE PRIMARY

The Stake Primary reports

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Carquinez Ward

By NADIA H. JOHNSON.

With the formation of the new Santa Rosa stake, Carquinez ward has bee nbusy filling positions left vacant by those who have been called to work in the stake. Our former bishop Glen V .Lowry and his counselor, Howard Hacking, have been called into the High Council. David A. Harris, who was a farmer member of the Berkeley stake High Council and also a counselor in the Vallejo ward bishopric before the wards were divided, was sustained as bishop of the Carquinez ward and chose as his counselors J. Dow Johnson and Lorenzo Mitton, with Leonard G. Johnson as financial and statistical clerk to be filled later.

The ward Relief Society lost Sister Maude Someson and Sister Verda Telford as they were chosen stake Relief Society President and first counselor, respectively. Sister Verda Newman has been chosen as Carquinez Relief Society president, with Dorothy Taylor and Eliza Clark as counselor; Grace Taylor as secretary.

Brother Harvey Nielson of the Sunday School has also joined the ranks of stake workers and his office was filled by J. Myron Telford, Sunday School Superintendent, with Frank Woolley and Harold Sieverson acting as counselor, and Della Rhinehart secretary and treasurer.

Both the Young Men's Mutual and the Young Ladies' Mutual organizations are being reorganized. Brother Max Warr was called to be president of the YMMIA in the stake and Sister Athol Warr was also chosen as a stake worker. At this time her position has not been filled. Irvin Seamons heads the YMMIA and has chosen as his counselors Ralph G. Clark and Russell Roper.

They also dipped into our primary organization and took Sister Marie Johnson, president, as first counselor to Sister Hartup of the Stake Primary. In the Benicia Primary Donna Benware and Lydia Stewart have been asked to work. The new bishopric have been putting in overtime trying to fill these positions as soon as possible so the ward will be in full running condition once more.

Former Bishop and Sister Glen V. Lowry are rejoicing over the arrival of a 7-pound, 8 ounce baby girl, born February 9. The little miss is also welcomed b ytwo sisters and a brother.

February 9 was a red letter day in the Carquinez ward when they acted as host to the other wards of the stake in a Sweetheart Ball and Get-Acquainted Party. The decorations and music were lovely. A large crowd was in attendance and by the happy faces and comments that were heard later we would gather that the evening was very successful and a good time was enjoyed by all.

The Boy Scouts and their partners have a "Bean Feed" scheduled for Friday, February 16 in the ward recreation hall.

Sister Alameda Nielson is busy working with the Carquinez and Vallejo wards preparing special music for quarterly conference which will be held in the Vallejo chapel March 17 and 18.

The twin boys of Brother and Sister Max Stevenson were named and given a father's blessing in Fast meeting by their father.

Probably the first baptismal service in the new stake was held on Saturday, February 3. Baptised at this time was Brother Ed Newman and Brother and Sister Charles Miles, also Ilene, the daughter of Lorenzo and Julia Mitton. We extend to these new members a hearty welcome into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Worthy Reed, on eof our boys in the armed forces is home on a 15-day leave. He is the son of Brother and Sister William G. Kerhsaw. Also visiting the William Kershaws from Morgan, Utah, is Brother and Sister Fred Florence, parents of Sister Kershaw.

Harmony Hills News

(Harmony Hills is a rather new LDS land colony who cooperatively own 1000 acres a few miles from San Juan Bautista, about 20 miles from Salinas and not far from Hollister. Members are young families from the East Bay Area.)

It has been a long time since you have heard any news from our direction, so this report will include as many events of the recent past as possible. In case it is still news to some, our branch president is L. Movell Day, formerly of Hayward ward, who replaced D. Wendell Grow. President Day's counsellors are J. Le Grand Forsyth and Bud Larson. Nearly every member of our branch holds some office in one of the Church organizations and some are active in two or more positions on account of the limited number of people. Two of our members are serving in the Monterey Bay Mission District. Quenten Taylor is first counsellor to District President Fred Crowshaw, and Merle Stanfield is a district aide in the Mutual.

Harmony Hills is proud to have three missionaries in the field. Elder Robert Day, 21 year old son of President and Mrs. Movell Day, has been laboring in Holland for about 16 months. Elder Willard Aston and his wife, Gladys, are serving in the Great Lakes Mission. Th eAstons left last October. From all reports, these misisonaries are thoroughly enjoying gtheir work.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stewart, longtime residents of San Juan Bautista and former owners of the Mission Food Center, went through the temple for the first time this winter. Formerly of Utah, the Stewarts revived their interest in Church work when this branch was organized and are now among our best and most active members.

During a recent big rain and wind storm, the Ivan Parson family were rudely awakened in the middle of the night by having their roof torn off and the rain pour in the bedroom. All the men in the branch rallied together and for two days they worked in the storm to build an entirely new roof.

Brother Horace Toponce has suffered a series of illnesses and operations throughout the past year but has pulled through them with flying colors. Contrary to his doctor's predictions, he has returned to work and his health is steadily improving. We hope that it continues to do so.

The most recent births in our group have been to the Holdaway and Grow families. A baby girl, Denise, was born to Mr .and Mrs. Elred Holdaway the last of December. A daughter, Julie, was also born in Hollister to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Grow on February 2.

The only marriage since the branch was organized was that of Miss Connie Day, daughter of President and Mrs. Day, to Frank Ackerman of Hollister. The couple were married in the Mesa Temple last fall.

We have had unusually fine meetings the last three Sundays. Brother Archie J. Inger and his friend, Mr. Hendrickson spoke to us at Sacrament meeting on January 28. Two soldiers from Fort Ord delivered fine talks to us at the February 4 meeting. District conference was held in Santa Cruz on February 11 and the inspiring speeches and music given there were a spiritual feast to all who attended.

Richmond Ward

A three act play under the direction of Libby Freeman will be presented by the MIA. This production entitled "But Fair Tomorrw," by Douglas Parkhirst, is scheduled for the last of March. A wonderful cast is putting a lot of hard work into the play. So-o-o, mark it down as a must.

First Lt. Dale F. Creger, son of Vanita Anderson, was home on a short visit while on his way to Alaska where he is now stationed with the Armed Services.

You people who have missed the last two talent programs now know you have missed a great deal. They were presented on January 22, 1951, and February 26, 1951. The ones to come are going to be even better than ever; so mark your calendars for the third Monday in each month. The chairman, Melvin Hulme, is doing wonderful work. I am sure he would appreciate knowing of any talent that you have or know about.

Under the direction of Lucy and Reese Thompson couples are practicing the Skaters' Waltz for the dance festival which wil lbe presented on March 9, 1951, in Berkeley.

If anyone is wondering who has been doing all the important work on the Chapel should know that the Priesthood is re-decorating.

The MIA enjoyed a Valentine party on Feb. 14, 1951; about 100 were present. There were games, dancing and refreshments; everyone who attended had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Willis of Grantsville, Utah, have been visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark Fails, since before Christmas; they were set apart on January 3, 1951, as Stake Missionaries since they will be here until some time in April. They are now laboring in the Rollingwood area.

On February 4, 1951, the Fireside was hosts to the Rodeo Branch Fireside at the home of Nadine Stoddard. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and were very glad that Rodeo could join us.

The Relief Society held a quilting bee on February 14, 1951, at which about 12 ladies were present. The quilt was for Bishop and Mrs. Wightman, and consisted of blocks which the bishop collected while on his mission. The blocks were embroidered by various ladies in the mission field, and contains these ladies' names.

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RICHMOND WARD BISHOPRIC

Spring is here and yet it seems but yesterday when we were all making New Year's resolutions and here it is March and nearly one quarter of the year gone. Have we all lived up to our better selves during the first part of the year? Are we all living so the Lord will be bound to bless us because we have lived the laws these blessings are predicated upon?

There is much to be grateful for even though many of our loved ones are being called into the service to fight for the rights we uphold. The greatest things in life are the freedom and liberty to believe and to worship the True and Living God. I feel that John Taylor's words on this subject will fit our day:

"Liberty and rights of all to be maintained. We are friends of all men, and are the friends of this nation. We are the friends and supporters of the Constitution of this nation. We are the friends of right, of freedom, and of good administration and good men everywhere, and that on the principle .. . of freedom, liberty, to believe and let believe, worship, and let others worship, worship as you please according to the dictates of conscience, and let others do the same."

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Death Comes to Louise Knight

Mrs. Louise Ogden Knight died Thursday night, February 22, 1951, in the Alta Bates hospital in Berkeley. This news has shocked countless number of friends of Ray L. and Louise Knight, for it seems but yesterday that she was among her friends in usual good health.

About two weeks ago she was afflicted with an old and occasionally recurring painful headache and swollen eye, and was sent to the hospital by her physician. This time the affliction led to a rather sudden coma condition and resulting death. Her funeral was held Monday, February 26, in the Berkeley chapel. Speakers were President W. Glenn Harmon and Bishop LeRoi B. Gardner.

Few women of our Church in the bay area have rendered as much unselfish service as Louise Knight. Beginning with the days when in 1922 Ray L. and Louise Knight first came to the bay region for his entrance in the U. C. Dental College, both have been untiring in service to their family, the Church and the community.

The activities of Louise include periods as stake president of Relief Society, and also ward president of the YLMIA and the ward Relief Society, member of the choir, and class leader in a number of church organizations. Her kindliness of features and spirit made her a natural leader.

Graduating from the BYU in 1917 Louise taught home economics and history before coming to California; served as substitute teacher in the former field in Berkeley. She was a member of the Delphian Society Study Group and of the City Women's Club. She was also active in the Bambi chapter of the Children's Home Society.

Both of her children, Laurel and Dr. Lynn, came from the East in time to see their mother before her passing, but she was not able to recognize them.

Alameda Ward

We all miss Tys Winkel, our former bishop, in his absence from meetings since his recent illness. We hope for his recovery and that he will soon be back with us. Under him was built our commodious chapel.

Alameda's Road Show was given second place. Thanks to all giving time and talents to make it so delightful and successful. Elder Leslie Booth was recently released from the Northern California Mission and has left Alameda for his home in Twin Falls, Idaho. In his place has come Elder Dale Fletcher from Logan.

Our own missionary, Elder Bruce Morgan, now laboring in the Southern States, has been made a "senior" companion.

Harold Clayson who was sent to Mexico has been transferred to the Central American Mission. His new address is Avenida 15 Norte No. 17, Apastado 367, San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America.

Vaneta Anderson and her two sons, Ed and Dick, who used to live in Alameda are now members of the Richmond ward. Ed has been interviewed for a mission and Dick has been serving in the Army Air Corp.

The Alameda Speech Festival on February was enjoyed by all.

Kenneth Sparkman was recently inducted into the Alameda police force.

Lowell Jensen will take as his bride Barbara Cowin in a spring wedding in April.

We are all thrilled to hear the good news regarding George and Darlene Balding, and Wally and Nyle Seavers who travelled together to Salt Lake City in order to go through the temple.

The bishop requests the full support of all the ward members in the Welfare Program which is to take place March 16. Young and old alike are invited to participate in the endeavor.

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Berkeley Ward

SESCOND WARD

Members of the ward spent a pleasant evening together February 3 at a pot luck dinner with an excellent program furnished by talent from the ward. The Relief Society planned the dinner with Sister Ivadell Erickson in charge.

The January report of the Stake Mission shows seven missionaries from Berkeley Second Ward doing very good work. One of our missionaries spent 51 hours and another 35 hours during the month and the others did well. It is wonderful to be able to bring the gospel to our own neighbors.

Donald George Gengler and Myrtle Ellen Green were married Sunday, February 18, at th home of the groom's parents by Bishop J. Ward Green. They will make their home in Oakland after the honeymoon. We wish them great happiness and a long life.

The ward teachers did the most thorough job of ward teaching in January that has been done in the history of the ward. The records indicate that if everyone had been home when the teachers called it would have been 100 per cent.

A joint meeting is being planned for the Berkeley First and Second wards for Sunday evening, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the meeting will be: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The Singing Mothers are preparing special music appropriate to the theme.

On March 15 at 10:00 a.m., the Relief Society will have their birthday party. All members are urged to attend.

We are happy to have four new members ordained deacons: David Owens, Tommy Hopkins, Gary Liotta and Bob Stengel. They have joined a "swell" group of fellows. On Sunday, February 18, 11 out of the 13 were taking part.

Troop 8 of the Scouts held a court of honor Tuesday evening, February 13 at Camp Herms, at which many awards were granted by the Troop Committee. The Dads of the Scouts were invited George Hall, chairman of the Troop Committee, served an excellent dinner Bill Cain is doing outstanding work as Scout Master as evidenced by the awards which were granted, and the fact that Marlo Anderson and Phil Eyring became Eagle Scouts February 11.

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Greetings to the members of Berkeley Second Ward:

We wish that you would resolve to attend your Sacrament meetings more regularly. Some are very regular but many could resolve to do better. One of the first things revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith after the Church was organized was: "It is expedient that the Church meet together often . . ." D. and C. 20:75; and again a year later: "Thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy Sacraments upon my holy day." D. and C. 59:9.

The followoing items taken from our annual reports may be of interest:

	1950	1949
Ward membership	649	586
Baptisms	30	14
Babies blessed	33	18

Ten of those baptized were adults, most of them obtained their knowledge of the Gospel from the faithful labors of our stake missionaries.

The amount of tithing paid showed a 40 per cent increase over 1949. It is good to see more of the people keeping the commandments of our Heavenly Father, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it"—Mal. 3:10. "Behold, now it is called today (until the coming of the Son of man) and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day of the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned (at his coming). D. and C. 64:23. "I, the Lord, am bound when ye do whatI say, but when ye do what I say, ye have no promise." D. and C. 82:10.

The ward raised its allotment for the welfare program of $1,235.00. Our fast offerings were .08 cents more per person than they were in 1949. The Relief Society sisters filled their quota of the sewing budget It is good to know that as a ward we are doing our share in providing for those who have misfortune A good share of this good work has accomplished by those who went to the Welfare House early and late and elped with the canning.

It is gratifying when children come for recommends for baptism, to find that parents, with the aid of some good Primary and Sunday School teachers, are "Teaching their children to pray and to walk uprightly before the Lord," and to "observe the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." D. and C. 68:28-29. A great many of these children are being taught to pay their tithing.

In these days of uncertainty, let us draw near unto te Lord, "Wile He may be found; call ye upon Him wile He is near." Isa.55:6. Let us attend our Sacrament meetings, Sunday School, Priesthood meetings, Primary, Relief Society, MIA; learn His will and keep His commandments in 1951.—THE BISHOPRIC.

Berkeley

FIRST WARD

There are quite a few new faces in our meetings and to each and every one we send a warm welcome and hope we shall see you often. Greetings to our newest arrivals—Richard Jones, Mark Gustafson and Susan Bodell, all blessed last Fast Sunday. Congratulations too, to George Harmon, who was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church by his father, President W. Glenn Harmon.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love; but the old married man's fancy gaily turns to softball. The time has come to get out those mitts and balls and start warming up. Our ward has been stake champs for two years; now let's grap off the Regional Championship. Come on, you wives, dig the old boys out of mothballs and let's cheer them on!

Word has just been received by Brother and Sister Richard W. Young that their son, Chandler P. Young, has been appointed President of the Northern California Industrial Editors. At the present time, Chandler is the editor of three of Kaiser's trade magazines.

The Sew-and-Sews have some very interesting programs scheduled. Last Monday evening they met at the home of Dr. Ream to hear a well known concert pianist This group of young married women offers an opportunity to get acquainted with other young women in both Berkeley wards and also gives an intellectual lift along with getting our mending or knitting done.

The Relief Society sisters are busy getting ready for the Bazaar. They keep your fingers busy while you hear many instructive lessons. A baby tender is provided and all young mothers are especially invited to come each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

Brother James Sabine and Brother Joseph Eyring were the speakers at our las Sunday evening Sacrament service. I'm sure we all enjoyed their remarks and especially the thoughts given about the ever-present goings on of our children. Brother Delbert Rock, Jr., was the speaker at our Sunday evening service, February 25, and gave a detailed report of his labors in the Uruguay Mission.

We are all saddened to hear of the death of Louise Knight.

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ROSE DUNHAM WRITES FROM THE LDS BUSINESS COLLEGE

I am enclosing a clipping from the Salt Lake Tribune, (a photo and story). Alpha Iota is our honorary business sorority here at the LDS Business College.

This last month I was nominated as a candidate, and chosen to be among the three finalists for the Sweetheart of the College at our annual ball February 16

You undoubtedly remember Jackie Dansie—she is leaving soon on a mission for Norway.

I have seen most of the missionar as they passed through; I recently saw President Hilton and Wendel Walton.

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OAKLAND STAKE MIA CALENDER

By CATHERINE K. H. MARSH, Oakland Stake MIA.

March 2—Stake Drama Night, Fern Nelson, director of "Junior Miss," Alameda Ward, 7:30 p.m.
March 14—MIA Stake Board Meeting. Elmhurst Ward, 7:30 p.m.
March 16—OAKLAND WELFARE THEATRE PRESENTS 1951 STAR-TIME VARIETIES. Berkeley High School Community Theatre
March 22—MIA Stake Leadership Meeting, Elmhurst Ward, 7:30 p.m.
March 30—Stake Gold and Green Ball. Scottish Rite Auditorium.
April 24—Stake Dance Festival.

BERKELEY STAKE CALENDAR

MARCH AND APRIL 1951

Wed., March 7,—Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel.....7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 9—Stake Dance Festival, Berkeley .....8:00 p.m.
Monday, March 12—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Berkeley Chapel.....7:30 p.m.
Sat., March 17—Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting Berkeley Chapel.....7:30 p.m.
Sat., March 31—M Men-Gleaner "March Winds" Ball Berkeley Recreation Hall.....8:30 p.m.
Wed., April 4—Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel.....7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 9—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Berk. chapel 7:30 p.m.
Sat., April 14—Junior M Men and Junior Gleaner Elections—Stake (Location to be announced) .....8:00 p.m.
Mon., April 16—Improvement Era Campaign Ends.
Fri., April 20—GOLD and GREEN BALL—Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland .....9:00 p.m.
Sat., April 21—Stake Priesthood Leadership, Berkeley.....7:30 p.m.
Sat., April 28—Quarterly Conference (Leadership).
Sun., April 29—Quarterly Conference.

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Berkeley, Santa Rosa Stakes Plan Temple Pilgrimage to Idaho Falls Temple In June This Year

Now is the time for us all to start planning summer vacations (and Oakland stake is just as welcome as the flowers of June also). All who are willing to do a few days' temple work that perhaps you have long wanted to do are now kindly urged to set the 15th of June next as the day to start the pleasant trip which will unite a vacation and also a stint in the beautiful Idaho Falls temple, the newest of the LDS temples upon earth.

The event is so planned that those who desire to do so may also enjoy the MIA June Conference in Salt Lake City, June 16 and 17. The great pageants; the musical and dance festivals in the huge U. of U. stadium and in the Tabernacle are rare entertainments on the grand scale worth the trip by themselves.

The caravan will then proceed to Idaho Falls on Monday 18; temple work may be done there Tuesday through Friday.

The committee announce that the trip to Idaho Falls may be made by private autos (those who do not drive paying for passage with those who take their cars), or by chartered Greyhound busses, carrying only our own excursion members, and bringing you home via Wells, Nevada, without going again through Salt Lake City. Round trip fare will be $26.50 on the busses.

The president of the temple assures us that accomodations at reasonable cost will be available in the homes of the saints in Idaho Falls. But they have to know in good time how many will need these accomodations.

There will also be plenty of good entertainment coming and going, and in the temple city. The temple authorities will be present with us, and speak at inspiring meetings during the week.

Those who wish may join this trip with a period in Yellowstone National Park, not too far way from Idaho Falls.

So-o-o, let the committee know soon that you are going to join this happy band in the merry month of June, 1951.

Maxwell Pk. Ward

By NORMA WILLIAMS. ¼

Helen Krage and Dean Mann were married in the temple at Logan, Utah, on February 5. Dean's mother, Veda Mann, Helen's parents, John and Bessie Krage and Helen's sister Jean Krage Sweeten, accompanied the couple through the temple. They visited in Salt Lake City, Provo and Idaho for a week before returning to Oakland. The reception was held on February 14. Over 20 of their friends attended to wish them happiness. Helen and Dean will make their home in Berkeley.

The Briscoe family are very active in their ward in Santa Rosa. Jay Briscoe has been called to serve as second counselor in the bishopric. Maude Briscoe is the new Relief Society president in the ward.

A bridal shower was given recently for Billie Eshom. Lola Hansen arranged the party around a Valentine theme. Billie received many gifts to aid her in housekeeping.

The Fireside group is still meeting each Sunday evening after Church at the home of Sister Beatrice Larsen. Mavis Mumphreys is leading the group in their study of "The Book of Mormon."

A nine-pound baby girl was born to Henry and Leah Finch on February 11. Her name is Elizabeth Ann Finch. Mrs. Leah V. Nelson is visiting from Spanish Fork, Utah, to help her daughter take care of the new baby.

Eleazer Evans was killed in an accident on Yerba Buena Island in December. He was born in Lehi, Utah, and was interred in Oakland. He is survived by his widow, Anne Evans, his daughter, Leona, and his son, Arthur, who is attending college in Arizona.

On February 25, the Relief Society honored Sister Beck on her 95th birthday. A lovely party was held for her.

At the recent MiaMaid and Explorer dance, a young couple from the ward won a prize for being the best waltzers. Bob Martin and Barbara Arnold should be proud that they are such fine dancers.

Harold Arnold, who was suffering with cancer, passed away recently. He is survived by his widow, Iona Goodsell Arnold, and daughters, Barbara Jean, Helen and Sally.

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"A Letter a Day" Is Genealogical Way

This simple formula has brought great joy and success to at least one Church member in his ardent search for old family records in order to complete temple sheets and make possible the glorious temple ordinances for his kindred dead. That man is reported to be Paul R. Lindeman of the North Davis Stake who states that in 1950 he added 514 new names to his genealogical charts by holding to his plan of "a letter a day." The plan originated in the form of a New Year's resolution made at the threshhold of the year 1950. "He had a plan of work, and he worked his plan." Then VICTORY OVER PROCRASTINATION CAME AND SATISFACTION RESTED UPON HIS HEART.

Three hundred of his 365 letters in 1950 were to new names, and 65 were follow-up letters. He says "All you have to do to get names is to work hard and to pray. If you do your part the Lord will do His."

During the past 15 years this young man, with the aid of his wife, has gathered from libraries, and a thousand other sources, more than 25,000 names on his and his wife's lines. Besides holding down three jobs of employment (he is an aerodynamics engineer), he finds time to teach Sunday School and to serve in the presidency of his Elders' quorum. And he is as happy as a lark with it all, and so is his wife.

Dimond Ward

By DONNA PEARCE

The Junior M Men and the Junior Gleaners gave a party for Dick Mason, a new convert, whom we wish to welcome into our ward. The party was held at Lee Ashby's. Dick gave an excellent talk at our Sacrament meeting.

Our MIA extends an invitation to all to come and participate in its happy activities. Dancing is held every other Tuesday night along with refreshments.

A large attendance of the saints filled our chapel January 7 to say farewell to our former bishop, Rufus, and his wife, Winifred Phelps. The program was high-lighted by stories of the accomplishments of both these much loved persons. The High Priests sang a song composed especially for them. By now they're on their way to jolly old England.

Don Russell, son of our bishopric counselor, Clyde Russell, really surprised his folks when he unexpectedly walked in on them February 10 He has been honorably released from his mission in the Western States. He gave a very interesting talk at the evening meeting of February 11. Welcome home, Don.

The MIA received an excellent rating on their cowboy theme Road Show. We are proud of this accomplishment.

The Sunday School faculty meeting was well enjoyed and well attended. Those present will be looking forward to the next meeting. They enjoyed a fine movie, a talk; they played games and had refreshments.

The Green and Gold ball will be held Mar. 9. The MIA Maids will furnish the floor show with a maypole waltz dance.

Melba Rainey, our very faithful Sunday School and Primary worker, wishes to thank all those who were so kind to her during her recent illness.

Richmond Scouts

We had a court of honor, Scout Sunday, February 11, 1951.

Brother Joe Giovanini was the chairman. Court of honor was opened by Brother Ray Smith, neighborhood commissioner; the opening remarks were by Scoutmaster Phil Lewis. Ray Smith presented a charter for the troop, to Bishop Finell.

The following boys were invested into the troop as tenderfoot scouts: Richard Clark, and Edward Hahon; second class, Wayne Finell. Merit badges were awarded to Richard Lewis 5, Toney Giovanini 5, and Phil Lewis 5.

Three-Star awards were presented by Don Wood, MIA Explorer Supervisor for Berkeley Stake, to Richard Lewis, Tony Giovanini and Scoutmaster Phil Lewis.

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Oak. Stake News

By MILDRED M. FONTANA.

Congratulations to Russell Ball, Berkeley First ward, chief of Atomic Research Service, Berkeley Branch of the Atomic Energy Commission, on his appearance with other outstanding professors in a seminar on 'Everyday Living in Troubled Times." Russell was pictured with the other five in the Oakland Tribune, February 16. He looked very young compared with his co-speakers. Alumni and students of the U.C. were invited to the Seminar.

A beautiful picture and news story of Rufus and Winnifred Phelps came out in the Deseret News of February 16.

Congratulations of another type are due to our new stake Sunday School Superintendent Mark Lauper in his choice of such outstanding assistants as J. Newell Christensen, former member of the San Leandro bishopric and now living in Alameda where he has just opened a great Variety Store in the new Maltby shopping center; and former Richmond ward bishop, F. Leon Edlefsen, now an attorney living in Hayward. Dean Hawkley remains as the efficient secretary.

A great play, the best one on the Life of Christ, it is said, and distributed by the Deseret Book Company, will be given a first and exclusive showing soon by Oakland stake Sunday School Board, April 13 and 14. This film of one hour and a half will be accompanied with shorts to make a grand evening of thrilling entertainment. Berkeley and Oakland stake members are invited to set these dates aside. Benefits go for the purchase of Visual Aids. Prices, adults $1.00, children, 50 cents.

Our service man, J. Donald Hall, is at the Oak Knoll Hospital and soon to be discharged after treatment for concussion. Our other serviceman, Billy England, who was injured in Korea, has recovered and is now back with his machine gun.

Billy England's mother, Esther England, has been recommended to be one of Oakland's "Welcome Wagon Hostesses," and left recently for Hollywood for schooling and training. Her district will extend from High Street through San Leandro. In addition Esther will continue to give at least two shows a week at Oak Knoll and Treasure Island. Esther, your services of many years to the disabled is paying dividends in a material way. We wish you great joy riding around in that new car which was donated for your services by the Chamber of Commerce of Oakland.

The LDS service men's group stationed at Oak Knoll Hospital, and their wives, were entertained at a Valentine party February 14, at the home of Catherine Marsh.

Fred Adams is Oak Knoll's group leader. Sunday School is held each Sabbath in a room in the administration building.

Ruby Ostler, YLMIA president in San Leandro ward, nurses at Oak Knoll hospital. Over 30 LDS men from all over the west are corpsmen; there are over 5000 patients. The secretary to the commanding officer is Fred Adams from Ogden, Master of Arms is Ted Peterson from Salt Lake City; Miss Ashby is a Wave from Sparks, Nevada. There are two LDS amputees, and the question for us all, can we not visit this hospital? Take a pie or tibbit from home?

The many boys are so tired of mess cooking. Visiting hours are from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8. All the boys are hungry and able to eat so no one will go wrong in mailing or taking delights to the following: Christensen 77A, Horspool from Ogden 77B, Elden Orton from Provo 63A, George Kinsman from Park City 42B, Ed Petersen from Los Angeles 42B, (a returned missionary).

A Church group at Oak Knoll meets in the Conference room of the Administration Building Annex at 11 a.m. every Sunday. An LDS doctor, Dr. Tom Smith, is on this hospital staff.

Of course there are many more LDS boys at this hospital who may be found through the Directory. What are we doing about these boys? Not neglect them, we are sure.

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Down to Earth

By HENRY F. GORDON of San Diego, Original Articles for The Messenger.

One of the most heartening things in a very bleak world is the pronounced and growing interest in nutrition—good nutrition. People are finding out for sure that the removal through surgery of an organ which has become diseased is no guarantee that additional illnesses will not occur and that it is much, much better to maintain health than to try and regain it. The common sense and obvious fact is that the environment in which we live has within itself all that is necessary to make good health, provided we give it a chance. This is being recognized by more and more people.

It is also becoming clear just where the fault lies in our way of life and what should be done about it. Many organizations of high purpose and great value have come into being of late. Such a one is the American Academy of Applied Nutrition. This group is composed in the main of medical doctors and dentists who have come to recognize th preeminent place good food has in good health.

It was our pleasure a short time ago to attend one of the meetings of the San Diego Chapter of the AAAN. Francis Pottinger, Jr., M.D., addressed the gathering on the subject of "Beauty is More than Skin Deep," and went into some detail concerning the chemistry of fats and the unsaturated fatty acids and the relation of these nutritional factors to a good skin.

One of the principle thoughts left by Dr. Pottinger was that the fat substances about which he spoke in detail are present in good food, that is natural food. It was pointed out that fertilized eggs are better than the barren variety. It was also shown that hens allowed to run in the fields and forage for their own food produced a better egg than did a chicken cooped up during her whole life-time.

All of this points out the obvious fact that good food as it grows should be eaten by man. However, we have come to the strange conclusion that perhaps food is first a commodity on which to make a profit, and only secondarily a source of life to those who eat it.

For many years we have concentrated on food that, (1) would keep when packaged and that, (2) tasted good for taste's sake only. We are paying for this approach to living every day with sickness and ill health.

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Personal Testimony That God Lives

By JOSEPH F. MERRILL of the Council of the Twelve Apostles as related at the Berkeley Stake Conference, February 11, 1951. Reported by Isaac B. Ball.

I was raised in a devout home. We had family prayers twice a day. When ten years of age I began to pray to know for myself that God lives. I had heard others testify that they know this, and I wished also to know for myself.

No answer came that first night; nor the first week; nor the first year. I could always think of bad things that I had done, so I kept on praying and trying to do better.

Thus it went on until I was nearing my nineteenth year. That particular night I was alone in my room, so that I prayed half aloud. "O, Father, wilt thou not hear me?"

I heard an answer. I saw no one, yet I heard spoken in soft accents the one word, "Yes."

My soul was filled with elation. I was thrilled to the core. My heart sang as I raised my arms heavenward and cried again and again, "O, Father, I thank thee;" "O, Father, I thank theee."

Later I spent nine years studying at different colleges in the field of science. As I would sit and listen to the professors I always felt in my soul that I could tell those great scientists something that their learning about nature's laws had not taught them.

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President Vinal G. Mauss Describes Japanese Mission "Fashion Show," A Successful Chapel Fund Project.

Following up our plans to help raise money for building chapels here in Tokyo, it was decided to put on a big "American Fashion Show" for the Japanese as well as the Occupation people. The only suitable hall available is so much in demand, that drawings are held to determine who will rent it on any given night. We were fortunate enough to draw the winning number. Members, investigators and missionaries worked very hard. Over 2600 tickets were sold. On the night of the performance people were left standing in the huge auditorium which seats 2600 people, and this in spite of a heavy rain outside.

The models were chosen from the Occupation ladies who had previously had show experience and who generously donated their time. Among them was Sister Fay Disbrow, a former Earl Carrol girl in Hollywood, who also acted as director of the models. All the dresses and other clothing were furnished free by Rogers, the largest foreign style store in Japan, except the furs and fur coats which were furnished free by the Ginze Fur Co., a large Japanese concern in Tokyo. A lovely program of music and dancing was held in between the five various scenes which added greatly to the show.

A lovely souvenir program was printed. We were able to clear nearly $1900 from this project for our building fund.

In addition to this it had the effect of uniting the members and the Church as never before. We are getting calls and letters from friends of the Church from previous years before the mission was closed, who saw the favorable write-ups in the various papers throughout Japan and had not known the Church had again been established here. New interest and ferver is being demonstrated by the old and new members alike.

Errata

The Messenger wishes to give credit to that veteran staff writer and our best local research historian, Annaleone Patton of Berkeley First Ward, for the real contribution she made to the December 1950 issue of the Messenger.

She was the author of the article, "First Governor of California Knew Joseph Smith and Described Him in His Memoirs." This credit was omitted from the article. No one else among us takes the time and has the skill and experience to search out such original material, it seems. Thank you, Sister Patton.

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Napa Ward News

By CATHERINE WOOLLEY

The outstanding affair of the month in the Napa ward was the ward party in honor of the outgoing bishopric. On Friday night, February 16, a large group of members assembled in the hall and paid tribute to our fine Bishop Reed W. Keller and President Bryant S. Knowlton. A splendid program was arranged under the direction of the Sunday School, with Bro. Ferrin Francon acting as Master of Ceremonies. Refreshments were served by the Relief Society and Genealogy organizations. After a very wonderful program, gifts were presented to the wives of these two fine brethern and then books presented to Bro. Keller and Bro. Knowlton. Sisters Leona Mendonca and Sarah Hawks wrote special tributes which were read during the program. Bro. Rex Candland was general chairman.

The Sunday School was disorganized when Bishop Woolley was taken out so now we have a new presidency. Bro. Arthur Hancock has been sustained as Superintendent, with Roy Stubbs and Charles Okerlund as counselors. Barbara Stubbs has been released as secretary after many years of service and is now going to teach one of the classes and Sister Belva Lou Wheeler has accepted the position of Secretary.

Brother Del Norlund has been released from the YMMIA because of his work and so we now have a new Young Men's Superintendent. We are fortunate indeed in having Bro. Verl Taysom as our new MIA Superintendent with Ted Ichtertz and Fred Reeder as counselors. There will probably be more changes as more stake officers are taken but we feel that with the help and cooperations of all the members, we can accomplish much in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Remember the old saying, "Look what a swell coat of tan freckles would make if only they would get together." So let's put our shoulders to the wheel and put the Napa ward ahead in the Santa Rosa stake.

As a parting message to the members, we are happy to print a message from our Bishop Keller. It was the intention of your reporter to have a message from the new bishop of the ward, but you see, with all the added responsibilities on his shoulders, he just couldn't seem to hear the request from his wife for a short message to the ward. So maybe by next time we will be able to print a message from Bishop Woolley and his counselors, Rex Candland and Ferrin Francom.

We sincerely hope and pray that by the time of the printing of the Messenger, the many people who have had or are having the flu, will have recovered and once again be able to join in the activities and attend the inspirational meetings in the ward. Sister Ruth Pell has been kept on the move all the month in making sick calls and we all sincerely appreciate her visits. It means so much to have her come in and offer help and leave her smile and words of encouragement. Our Relief Society is a wonderful organization and may our Heavenly Father always bless and help them. We were so sorry Sister Mildred Kucek, a counselor in the Relief Society, was taken to the hospital and had to undergo an operation. We all join in wishing you a speedy recovery, Mildred.

BISHOP KELLER WRITES

I am thankful beyond any expression I can make for the blessings which have come to me and my family as a result of my experience as bishop of Napa ward.

Constantly serving with me was my devoted wife, Phyllis. Her's was a work behind the scenes—a work of rearing our little family during my absence and doing that work which enabled me to serve people of my ward. I have in my heart a deep feeling of gratitude to my Father in Heaven for the companionship, devotion and thoughtfulness of my wife.

The men who have served with me have been loyal and true. They have been willing to overlook faults and cooperate and serve. Surely service in a bishopric is a unique experience in all the world.

To the officers and teachers and members of Napa ward I pay tribute. They also have been cooperative, loyal and true. They have been willing to make personal sacrifices in order that the plans of the bishopric might be carried out.

The ennobling experiences with these people in death, birth, sickness and trial will remain with me as long as I live.

I pledge cooperation and loyalty to the fine men who succeed me. Bishop Woolley, Brother Candland, Brother Francom and Brother Constable are all men I love. They will go forward in the work of building the kingdom of our Father on the earth.

I pledge myself, also, to my new work with the presidency of the new Santa Rosa stake. My assignments in the Aaronic Priesthood work of the stake and also as advisor to Vallejo, Carquinez, Fairfield and Sebastopol are pleasant ones. I have but one desire—to serve the Lord that His great name might be glorified in the earth.

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The proceeds of a delicious chicken dinner, prepared and served free of cost to the ward by the ward Relief Society ladies, went to pay for the pulpit seats in the just-completed $150,000 chapel.

A conducted tour of the 17 classroom building, and its huge recreation hall and commodious stage; its Relief Society room and spacious lobby made clear to the visitors that Hayward is the east bay's largest ward, and hence ripe for division shortly.

Since Hayward is the nearest of our cities to the Club's Liahona Mountain Lodge on its 15-acre campsite amid the towering pines on the Stanislaus, great interest centered about the erection of the commodious and cheery Liahona Lodge which it is planned to erect this summer and to dedicate on Utah Pioneer Day, July 24. Sam Scott led in this discussion.

Herb Van Noy presented some of the past and future objectives of the club, and a friendly discussion was led by Attorney Heber J. Brown. Don Russell, recently returned missionary, and a trained magician, presented a period of mysterious stunts much to the delight of all.

Next meeting will be held on the usual fourth Monday, this time March the 26th, at the usual place, the balcony of the Colonial Cafeteria on Franklin and 15th streets, Oakland.

Census Figures

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More than two thirds of Utah's 686,797 populace are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

There are 472,414 members in the state.

According to Department of Commerce preliminary 1950 census figures and a Deseret News compilation from the Church Directory, 68.8 per cent of Utah's residents are LDS.

The number one metropolis, Salt Lake City population 181,-718, has an LDS population of 105,611 or 58.1 per cent.

Logan, fourth largest city in the state, population 16,802, has the largest LDS percentage—13,635 or 81.2 per cent are LDS.

Of Provo's 28,899 residents reported in 1950, 21,041 are LDS, a percentage of 72.8.

Utah's second largest city, Ogden, has an LDS population of 40,248 or 70.7 per cent of the 56,910 populace.

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Elmhurst Ward

By ZELNORA B. EVANS.

This is Easter month. Everyone will be dressed in their best for Easter. Let us also pause to remember that our Saviour arose from the tomb at this time, the first fruit of the resurrection.

Word has been received that Janeth Evans has been released from the Spanish-American Mission. Janeth will visit friends in Douglas, Arizona, and then go on to meet her parents and friends in Mesa where they will do temple work and return about March 25.

A delightful buffet supper was given by the Fireside group who are studying the Pearl of Great Price Commentary. The party was held the Kirk Wimmer home and was a fun evening and a renewal of friendship.

The wedding of Ted Jacobsen and Velma Bishop was solemnized in the Chapel of the Flowers by our bishop, Truman Nethercott. Velma was a beautiful bride. They received many friends and relatives. After a short wedding trip they are making their home in Oakland.

Wednesday evening the parents of the Primary children were invited to view the work done by the children during the year and to hear the lessons taken up ;also, to become better acquainted wtih the Primary workers. Refreshments were served, carrying out a Valentine theme. Everyone had a delightful time.

A beautiful redheaded boy, Donald Earl, has arrived at the home of Velma and Don Beauregard.

The MIA has set the time of the ward gold and green ball for March 9. The queen to represent the ward at the Stake Gold and Green Ball will be selected.

Walter Basinger gave a very thrilltalk and demonstration on Atomic Energy at Mutual.

Elmhurst is very proud to have as a member the talented Fern Nelson. The play put on as a budget affair was well worth elite prices. Thanks for the opportunity of seeing that splendid play, Fern.

A happy Easter to all. Don't forget to see that great Hollywood "Star-Time Varieties," Friday, March 16. over there at the huge High School Community Theatre in Berkeley, Alston Way an dGrove street.

● Richard L. Evans recently was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Berk. Stake News

Berkeley Stake Home Builders-Mothers and Daughters party held in Berkeley Saturday afternoon, February 17, was a great delight, with its pretty decorations and delicious refreshments.

The main attraction was a make-believe radio program arranged by Clif Boyak and entitled: "Truth and Consequences" over station "LDS" with the one and only "Hart Thinkbetter" in charge. The consequences proved hilariously funny. The party was a real comaradie for the Seagulls, Larks and Bluebird Girls and the mothers.

Bessie Braby, Minerva Bailey and Elmeda McNamara and their co-committee, are to be congratulated.

These Primary Home Builders will be the home creators and mothers of tomorrow. No mother will want to let her child miss this training. "The Church Primary can give your child the very best in all training," says Annetta Wood, the Stake Primary president.

BERKELEY STAKE MISSIONARIES

The report of the stake mission stirred much interest in the last stake conference, showing the opportunities for the local saints to preach the Gospel by example and contacts.

Two recent experiences of lady stake missionaries prove this. Sister Georgiana Facer and Christie Hatt of Claremont ward called at the home of a language teacher of a high school in the east bay. She eagerly invited them in and soon bought a Book of Mormon, and accepted the tracts.

She was anxious to get the basic facts of the philosophy of the Latter-day Saints because she had taught three children from a certain family during their high school days (in French). The manners and attitudes of these children had so impressed her that she investigated their home life and discovered they were from a Mormon family. She thought their home life almost perfect.

"The plan is perfect, but we are only weak mortals striving to live it, and unfortunately some profess, but do not live it," said Sister Hatt. "Oh," replied the teacher, I hope I never meet such. These children have given me quite a buildup. Their conduct certainly impressed me."

Recently Sister Retta Gilbert and companion were invited to hold a cottage meeting with three young people, (a man, his wife and a friend) from the Baptist Divinity School. The meeting opened at 7:30 and did not close until midnight, and these young people were most gracious. They bought two Books of Mormon and accepted tracts.

Recently an article appeared in the Church News regarding a man who considered himself an atheist but who was led into the Gospel. The person who led him to the Gospel was Retta Gilbert, our local missionary. She also met a lady while tracting who purchased two Books of Mormon, took one and asked that the other be given to some one who could not buy a copy.

The stake missionaries are interested in and contribute to a blood bank. The lady missionaries of Claremont sent Valentine cookies to the Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll Hospital. Should anyone have relatives or friends there as patients our stake missionaries will be happy to call on them.

BERKELEY STAKE CHOIR

Our stake looks forward to the excellent music heard at our stake conferences. We are grateful to the stake choir, its leader and organist. We were thrilled to hear an original anthem the score of which had been composed by our choir leader, Nico D. Snel of Walnut Creek ward.

STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY

The Relief Society Board lost one invaluable member in the division of the stake, Sister Almeda Nielsen of Vallejo. All her adult life Almeda has combine motherhood with Church and Civic activity in the musical field. She has trained choruses that have delighted radio audiences as well as church-goers. Her enthusiasm for music is contagious. Where she is everyone wants to sing. She has always worked hard to promote greater public interest in music and has promoted music festivals and concerts that have drawn large crowds of enthusiastic listeners. Almeda commands the love and respect of her fellow workers by her devotion to duty, her loving heart and her wisdom. The Relief Society Board will miss her voice in counsel and advice as well as in song. Wherever she is working she will add lustre to her position.

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The 273 Quorum of Seventy have a window cleaning project for a certain local contractor and are doing well at it. They are considering a rubber stamp making project.

The High Priests' Quorum sponsored a potato project during January which seems to have proven very successful. Four hundred sacks of first grade Idaho Russets were obtained at $2.75 from the East Idaho Falls Welfare Region.

President Tidewell, VomDorp and Louis Oborn were thanked and released from the presidency of the 339th Quorum of Seventy; sustained in that quorum presidency were Hal C. Pitcher, James Carrier, Louis W. Oborn, Von R. Nielsen and Phil N. Hilton.

The Church will restrict missionary calls to young men who are exempt from military service, i.e., veterans of World War II, classified as 4-F, and those over 25 years of age.

● Josephine Braley has just celebrated her 86th birthday at the home of Erva Wilson, and Erva gave a dinner for Josephine. Attending from Claremont ward were old friends, Sisters Rawson, Hancock, Coleman and Olsen.

● The BYU basketball team as of February 13, stood eighth in the national contests then going on the Madison Square Garden, N. Y. C.,—the only team west of the Missouri in the first ten.

● The BYU summer school catalog is off the press, offering 462 courses beginning June 12. Leadership Week comes June 18-22. A Family Life Institute runs during the first four weeks. The 13th annual Music Festival of nine weeks is scheduled.

● A billion dollar plus reservoir storage plan to assure Utah and other upper Colorado River Basin states maximum use of their agreed share of Colorado River water was approved February 1 by Interior Secretary, Oscar L. Chapman. Ten hydroelectric dams would reclaim 500,000 acres of barren sagebrush land in Utah, western Wyoming and Colorado. Congress now will be asked for funds to build three of these dams.

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Vallejo Ward News

LA RUE POWELL.

I sat as one among a group of Mormons in Sacrament services, Sunday, February 11. I wondered at the thoughts going through the minds of those men who sat near the pulpit. They were our leaders. It was a privilege to look upon them, all great in the eyes of God, because of their willingness to devote time to the true gospel of the world.

Our new stake president, John Murdock, spoke of the great change that has come during the past ten years. He referred to the organizing of branches, wards and now a stake in our area. We cannot overlook the great increase and church development seen here.

I heard each member of our new stake presidency speak and as each one took his turn, I am sure that we in the audience felt a renewed confidence and thanksgiving in our hearts. We knew that we sustained each man in his capacity, with the knowledge that they were chosen wisely.

I heard the name of Bishop Henry Neerings read, releasing him as our bishop, the man who has served faithfully in our ward. There were words of true praise given him by President Murdock. We can reflect upon his vast accomplishments such as the leadership given in the building of our meeting house, and the development of the "prune picking" project for raising welfare funds. There are many things which we will remember him for and we wish to express our thanks at this time.

Brother Otto Mathews was released as Bishop Neerings' first counselor. He is a man who, having served under three different bishops, believes that if a man has an assignment in the Church no matter how big or small that he must either do it or let the responsibility fall to someone else. This was his motto at all times. To know him is to appreciate his faithfulness and perseverance in all that he does.

In their new stake positions, Bishop Neerings, as High Priest Quorum Leader and Brother Mathews as a High Councilman, we congratulate them and wish them success in a new experience of development.

With open minds and hearts, we sustained the new bishop, Vern C. Newman. I recall the words of President Knowlton when he referred to the approval he noted on the faces of those in the audience when the nam was read. Bishop Newman was an outstanding Sunday School Superintendent. He will be an outstanding bishop.

Evan J. Powell, who has served in a previous bishopric was sustained as Bishop Newman's first counselor. In his remarks he said, "Never become so engrossed in the details that you lose eight of the true perspective." He added that many of us get so involved in the details of living that we lose sight of our objective, which is to prepare ourselves for eternal life.

Glen Zundell, who first became a bishop's counselor to Bishop Neerings was again sustained. His sincerity and keen sense of humor is loved by everyone who knows him. His devotion to duty is shown at all times. One cannot forget his untiring efforts spent in last summer's welfare project.

I waited for the last name to be read which would complete our bishopric It was that of Edgar J. Tinnener, our ward clerk. His good work merits the honor which has come to him, as he has served with two former bishops.

To Bishop Newman and his counselors, we congratulate them and pledge our support.

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The new bishopric of the Vallejo ward accept their new calling with a feeling of humility and deep responsibility. With the establishment of the Santa Rosa stake, there naturally came many changes which meant additional requirements for people to man the stake "family." This has and will draw heavily on the wards. Therefore, it behooves us all to greater determination to put our shoulders to the wheel and accept new responsibilities that might come our way.

BISHOP VERN C. NEWMAN.

Hayward Ward

Friday night, February 9, we had a ward dinner—a "you bring the dinner" pot luck. This dinner was to pay for buildings on the stake farm that our ward is to finance. We cleared $225. We were happy to get that but it wasn't what the Bishopric expected.

February 11 President Wright was in Hayward to take the first steps in the division of our ward. We now number nearly 1500 members. The tentative line for division for our new ward; also three men to act as the bishopric. When the "deed will be done" we do not know.

The ward was saddened by two deaths. Linda Sue Elliott, the 19-month old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Hamilton Elliott died in her sleep from a congenital heart condition. Bro. Walter Caning, 73, died from a stroke. The Church officiated at both.

Congratulations are for Wayne and Delores Russell on the birth of their little son. The Russells lost their other baby son two years ago, so the little one is especially welcome.

The Clarence Lessers have just returned from a two-weeks trip to New Orleans. Gertie is ready to tell anyone who will listen (and very interestiingly too) about the wonders of the Mardi Gras.

The choir is working very hard on the Musical Festival; also our own Easter Cantata. Please, more members come to help. They have asked for 72 voices for the festival from Hayward. We need men! Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their choir!

We are happy to see that Sis. Naoma Bodily is better after a seige of pneumonia. Also James Mervin recovering from a heart attack. Dan Welchoff is steadily improving from the polio and also his late bout with pneumonia.

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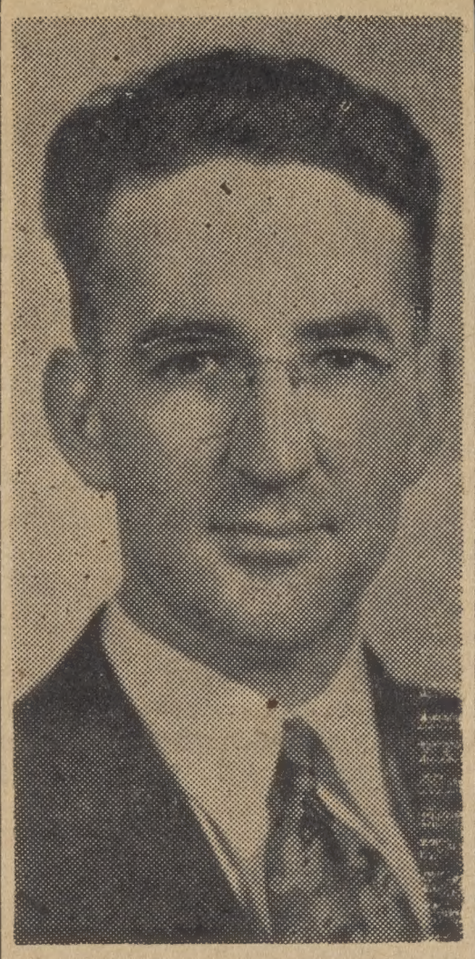
ACHIEVEMENT

The stake missionaries have been holding cottage meetings in a home for aged women. Saturday, February 3, Mrs. De Pue at 82 was baptized as a result. Bro. Ralph Smith officiated. Mrs. De Pue was a little doubtful about doing it because of her great age but as she went into the chapel who hoped that everyone there was as happy as she was. A good deal of the credit for her conversion goes to sister Mae Bates (who runs the home) for her untiring teaching and her sweet example.

Let us of the choir remind the members of the ward that the Lord has said, "The song of the Right eous is a Prayer unto Me"



Thomas H. Ferguson

co-author with Dr. Milton R. Hunter of the popular new volume, Ancient America and the Book of Mormon.

Second Edition Ordered New Book, "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon."

The local colony will be especially pleased to hear that the sale of Dr. Hunter's and Thomas S. Ferguson's 1950 new book already has made the speedy printing of a second edition necessary. Local sales have been brisk.

Elder Ferguson is currently conducting a study of the Book of Mormon with the Gospel Doctrine Class at the Berkeley First ward. He also gives alternate Tuesday talks and slide lectures before the Special Interest Group in the ward's MIA.

Business Notes

The Beneficial Life Insurance Agency of our Charles J. Taylor whose office is located in Oakland, has received the pleasant news that during 1950 that Agency had four local men in the TOP TEN of the entire company. They are Donald F. Sweet, Harold J. Hickenlooper, C. L. U., David W. Clayton and Don C. Wood, C.L.U., who finished fourth, eighth and tenth respectively.

The Agency ranked fifth in the entire company giving the local Agency an increase in business over 1949 of 55 per cent.

It is interesting to learn that Mr. Sweet, mentioned above, is now a member of Hayward ward, he and his family, including wife, four children and his mother being recent converts to the Church.

Martin L. Robinette, formerly a member of the Taylor Agency, has recently received a Home Office appointment as Field Supervisor. He formerly resided in Berkeley and in Richmond.

Phil Lewis of the East Bay Agency of Richmond returned recently from a Kemper Insurance agents' meeting held in February in Fresno. Feature was a refresher course conducted by the Mutual Insurance Institute. Special emphasis was placed upon the inadequacy of the amounts of fire and casualty insurance coverage by many persons and corporations in view of the current high prices of rebuilding if that were necessary after a possible fire.

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Earl and Roxy Peterson left February 20 for a rest and visit to Hawaii. A recent fall and injury to her ankle has made a rest for Roxy imperative. They are the amiable owners of the huge store, Oaks Variety, across from the Oaks Theatre.

Rodeo Branch News

The Relief Society ladies served a very lovely and successful luncheon on the 13th, helping to raise funds with whic hto purchase a sewing machine. These ladies, very industrious in whatever they plan, do everything wholeheartedly, enjoying each other and sharing with one another their talents and enthusiasm in teir work.

While Brother and Sister Oscar Ray's son was visiting them, they vacationed in Northern California, attending the different branches. They brought back with them some excellent ideas for improving our Sunday School, Brother Ray being first assistant in our own superintendency.

Although 1951 is still relatively young, four baptisms have been performed: Sisters Una Ellsforth and Florida Speer are converts to the Church; we are delighted to have them join us and share in the blessings of the Gospel. Stephen Fitt and Kenneth Gay Speer reached their eighth birthday and were accordingly baptized.

We are deeply proud of the efforts our young people have exerted to earn 14 individual awards that have been received, eight for the boys and six for the girls. In addition, group awards have been received for the Deacons and for each of the girls' age groups.

Sickness has been felt within the branch and many of our members have had to miss meetings on account of illness. We sincerely hope the trouble has run its course and that all will be able to meet together again. Even one is missed; his absence is indeed felt.

Joy Felton was recently married, Bishop Lowry of the Carquinez ward performing the ceremony.

President Nelson's mother suddenly passed away at her home in Logan, Utah. Although her going brought much sadness, it was indeed comforting to know the rich inheritance that is hers on the other side. In times of sorrow, as this, the Gospel brings so much condolence and solace; to it we turn, embracing its teachings of life after death. The family express sincere gratitude to our many good friends who helped lighten our hearts at this time. Your friendship is invaluable!

Pittsburg News

By THORA ASTLE.

Before anything can be accomplished with a degree of success, we must first have a belief in it. No amount of enthusiasm, nor will to succeed, can take the place of a belief in what we are doing. A very good example of its driving force can be realized when we contemplate how closely Hitler came to accomplishing his goal through his fanatic belief in the superiority of the super race." He failed only because his cause was evil, while those who opposed him had the power that comes with righteousness.

Our Church has progressed and grown through its short history because its followers had a creed and a conviction that sustained them through perilous times which taxed the fortitude of even the strongest among them. At the present time, although the Church members are living in comparative ease and safety, the necessity for a strong belief is still there, not only in times of great and momentous decisions, but in the everyday sacrifices that are required of us.

If the Stake Presidency's conviction as to the workability and desirability of the Stake Building Fund Plan would be shared and magnified by all of us, the plan could not and would not fail. Men of strong belief and vision have given us the diagram for success, but it is up to the entire membership to grasp the idea and make it into a creed that will work.

On Wednesday, St. Valentine's Day, Norma Jean Calvin and John Romanesky, both of Pittsburg, were married at the home of Bishop Astle.

Captin and Mrs. Robert H. Munson of Pittsburg Heights received a very welcome Valentine Gift on Wednesday in the person of a son, weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

A new type o fadvertising was inaugurated by the Pittsburg ward on February ward on February 5 when the entire Sacrament Service was taped by Radio Station ECC for broadcasting on Sunday, February 18. It will be interesting to watch the result of this broadcast, as KECC has a wide range of listeners in Contra Costa and Solano counties.

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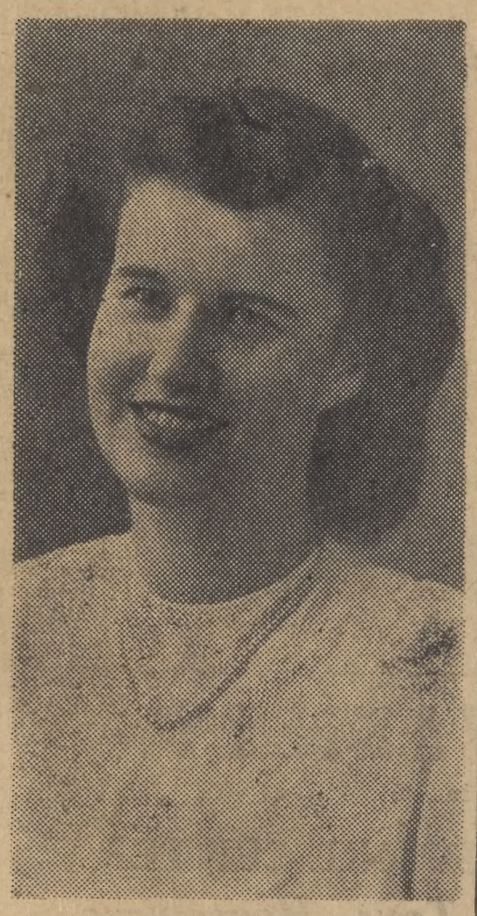
Peggy Mauss Writes From Japan

Dear Brother Ball:

The first year of my stay in Japan was spent in Tokyo, living in the beautiful Mission Home with my family and 12 missionaries. Although I was not set apart as a missionary, I was given the opportunity of assisting in the the work.

While living among the missionaries, I was able to observe their individual lives, and I couldn't help but marvel at their genuine love for their calling, their unselfishness in this service, and a literal "glow" in their countenances, acquired by clean, righteous thoughts and actions.

It wasn't long before I realized my greatest desire was to become "one" of those wonderful servants On my twentieth birthday my good father laid his hands on my head and set me apart as a missionary in the only true Church. It would be impossible to express in words, the supreme happiness which filled my soul at that moment.



PEGGY MAUSS

I have been laboring in the District of Niigato, about 300 miles north of Tokyo. The Japanese people here, as in all other parts of Japan, are anxious and eager to hear the Gospel, and although it is a new philosophy to them, the Lord has opened this understanding, and the "honest in heart" are rapidly requesting baptism. Among them, I have met some of the finest people I ever hope to know.

The Korean war is a constant source of anxiety to all of us in this mission, being so close to the actual scene of battle. We all want so much to be able to complete our missions before returning home. We are able to buy American food and clothing through the army, and the Lord has blessed us with many comforts and luxuries. We are always provided with the things we need in doing His work.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of my friends in the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes for the encouraging letters and prayers in our behalf. I am looking forward with great anticipation to the day when I can meet with all of you again.

I have a testimony of this great Gospel, which is very real and everlasting, and which grows stronger with each passing day. It is, to me, the greatest happiness, and all truth.—PEGGY MAUSS.

Who Says It Doesn't Pay To Memorialize LDS Contributions To Early California History

Proof positive that the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Alameda County Camp, were wise in their determination to erect in 1949 the two memorial monuments in San Joaquin county in celebration of the first wheat farm establishment in that valley by the LDS men from the renowned ship Brooklyn came in an unexpected form at the beginning of 1951.

A business firm in Modesto had a beautiful colored photograph made of that monument with its tablet containing in bold letters the story of this stalwart band of pioneers and then had this reproduced on handsome calendars for 1951 and distributed far and wide in that community and its environs. The monument is the "New Hope" California state and DUP stone monument standing along the roadside ten feet tall on Highway 99 at Ripon, near Modesto, California. The firm that has thus spread this bit of Latter-day Saint California history is the Franklin, Sovern and Brown Funeral Home of Modesto.

Story of Evil Spirits Afflicting Elders Until Rebuked

(Related by Joseph F. Merrill at the Berkeley Stake Conference Feb. 11, 1951, and reported by Isaac B. Ball.

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When I was in England on my mission several of the elders were staying at a certain place. On one occasion the branch president spoke of the building which was used as a meeting place of the saints as being haunted. The elders were amused at hearing this belief because they did not credit the old stories of haunted houses.

At the suggestion of one of the elders they decided to go down to have a look at this building for themselves .As they went into the building they were all seized upon by some strange power which they could not throw off.

They realized by this time what was the cause of their affliction, and came as rapidly as they could to their quarters where the district president met them. Immediately the elders pleaded with him to rebuke the evil spirits.

This he did by the authority and in the power of the Holy Priesthood. At once they were relieved, and then could see the evil spirits in the form of men as they departed, some of them making horrible faces at the elders, and showing their hate.

Elder Merrill at once secured written and signed statements from each of these elders. Each individual gave his personal report of the experience. These first hand reports all were in agreement as to the actualities of the devil possession, and their seeing the evil ones very clearly as they departed from the elders at the rebuke of the Priesthood. (Copy as corrected by Elder Merrill.)

LDS Institute Begins New Semester

With the beginning of a new semester at the University of California, students are again settling down to studies and are participating in the Lambda Delta Sigma activities.

Sunday morning services are held at the Institute at 10:30 a.m., and Sacrament meeting is at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend the Lambda Delt business meetings every Thursday at noon.

PERSONALITIES

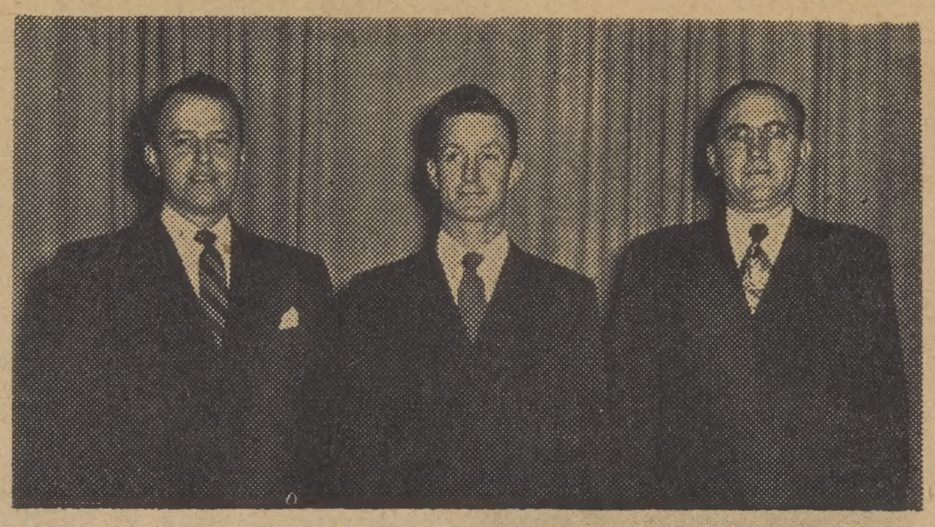
W. David McLelland, a student of the Institute and an outstanding student of the California College of Arts and Crafts, has been doubly honored by that college. He had been chosen a member of the scholastic fraternity, Delta Phi Delta, in recognition of his high scholarship and recently the same group elected him president.

Gordon and Joyce Davis will leave school at the end of this semester. Gordon will answer the call of his country. Wayne Mayhew is now in the U. S. Marines. He and his wife, Joanne, are in Washington, D. C. James C and Mary Watkinson Wallman are leaving for Chicago. Richard Miller has accepted a position with the FBI.

Evelyn Palmer is leaving the Institute to return to her home in New Mexico. She has been called on a mission. Ken J. Hanni has returned to his home in Salt Lake City. Dick Nalder, recently graduated from the University, has taken a position in Seattle, Washington.

Roy Wagner, past president of Lambda Delta Sigma, has been accepted in the University of California Medical School. Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Beauregard announce the birth of a son January 31. The Beauregards are from Bishop, California. Donald is a convert to the Church and is now studying engineering at "Cal."

Joy Wilson and Kay Noall have announced their engagement. They plan to be married this winter.



ALLEN C. WOOLLEY of Napa, first president of Fairfield Branch, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, recently was sustained as bishop of Napa ward, Santa Rosa stake. Bishop Woolley is pictured above (center) with his two counselors, Ferrin Francom, (left) and Rex Candland (right).

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great success with their Monday morning Union meetings. Held from 10 to 11:30 a.m., once a month, the women bring their children and put them in care of a baby tender. There have been 15 children at each of the last two meetings. Following the meeting the Stake Board provides a hot drink for those women who wish to bring a sandwich and spend a social lunch hour together. The attendance has been very close to 100 per cent at each of the last two meetings. Clyde Hart, the High Council adviser, is a regular attendant at these meetings.

SUNSET WARD

About a week ago Brother Elwin Ellis returned to San Francisco to take his family to Salt Lake City to live. The Genealogical organization of the ward estertained at a party in honor of the family following Sacrament meeting February 11. Sustained to become second counselor to Bishop Ritchie was George Aaron. George, who with his wife, Oreti, and his four lovely children, moved here from Maxwell Park ward about two years ago, has made a place for himself in Sunset with his willingness, dependability and sweetness of spirit. His selection pleased the entire ward.

The Stake Relief Society has announced that Pearl Wade, recently taken on the board to be social service leader, has been appointed second counselor to President Delilah Fullenback.

NORMAN THOMAS

During the Christmas vacation Norman Thomas of the Stake Aaronic committee, received the sad news that his young son, Mark, had passed away in Washington, D. C. Mark was attending George Washington University studying law when a chronic heart condition ended his life. Brother Thomas left at once for Provo where the funeral and interment took place.

SAN FRANCISCO WARD

The February Fast meeing in San Francisco ward set a new record. For the first time in Bishop Nalder's 23 years as bishop there were no babies to be blessed. By next month this situation should be corrected, for on February 10 the Richard Pryzbylas became the parents of a second daughter. He is first counselor in the Sunday School. March 4 is the date set for a huge food sale sponsored by the Junior Sunday School under the direction of Sister Ronalda Wright. An entire meal may be purchased and taken home to eat. All sorts of food will be on sale and those women in San Francisco ward are especially fine cooks. The proceeds of the sale will go to buy supplies and small furniture for the use of the children of the ward.

February 9 San Francisco ward had one of the finest parties they have ever given. The occasion was the Sweetheart Ball and the theme was "Music Hath Charm." The beautiful decorations carried out this theme with sparkling notes, staffs, cleffs, etc., on the walls and hanging from the ceiling. High light of the evening was the selection of a queen and her attendants. Darlene Merrill was chosen queen with Deon Neilson and Ila Mae James as Princesses. Little Gay Thomas was flower girl and Wade Neilson carried the crown. Special musical numbers were given by Neil Sorenson and Donna Porter, who sang a duet, and Johanna Wells, who sang a solo.

The many frinds of Theda Call will be interested to know she is in the AREQUIPA Sanitarium, near Fairfax. She may have some visitors, the hours being from 3 to 5 on Wednesdays and 2 to 4 on Saturdays and Sundays. Those who are unable to go to see her could send a note or card.

SAN RAFAEL

President Barton and his building committee have made several trips to San Rafael recently arranging details of a new site for the enlarged building now lanned. Theodore Ruegg, who has designed so many of the chapels in this area is the architect.

—JEAN LAUPER, S. F. Stake

Near Normal Crowd At Berk. Conference

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Uruguayian mission, J. Lloyd Johnson, senior member of the High Council, Clyde Summerhays, High Councilman, Vera Mayhew, stake Relief Society president, and O. Leslie Stone, superintendent of stake Sunday Schools.

Emphasizing patriotic sentiments in song, and Boy Scout objectives and contributions in ceremonies and the spoken word, the evening and closing conference session was directed by the stake MIA. Victor L. Lindbled, Berkeley-Contra Costa Scout Executive, delivered an address on "The Scout Citizen."

BERKELEY STAKE CONFERENCE BRIEFS

Population of Berkeley Stake as of January 1, 1951, was 6,286, but on January 7, 1,637 members, 26 percent, were transferred to Santa Rosa Stake, leaving 4,649 still in Berkeley Stake. This is almost the same enrolllment in size as four years ago when the stake was first formed and separated from Oakland Stake.

Napa, Carquinez and Vallejo wards and Fairfield branch are now in the new Santa Rosa stake.

New members of the stake High Council are Arthur J. Burdett, George G. Olson, Delbert H. Rock, Dr. C. Ronald Smith and Clyde Sullivan and Norman Creer.

While the stake should have 46 missionaries in the field (a lot ments being 1 per cent of stake and ward populations) the standing now is Berkeley First Ward two, Berkeley Second Ward, five, Claremont Ward, eight, (and one farewell just given); East Richmond, two, and Pittsburg, three; a total of 20. Three wards have none. Claremont has 2 per cent of the population.

The stake missionaries number 40. Last year they report 43 baptisms and 68 members brought into activities. The goal is to double the number of stake missionaries and to double the activities of each one.

Five wards completed the 1950 Welfare budget; three met about 50 per cent of their budgets. The stake figure stands at 75 per cent.

In the last three years the stake's Building Program has collected $17,000 cash annually, built a $100,000 Welfare Center (with Church aid), and now has on hand $17,000. Claremont ward has a site paid for and $8,000 cash, and approved building plans. stake has $34,000 on deposit with Berkeley stake has $34,000 on deposit with the PBO for a stake tabernacle and a tabernacle site containing enough residential lots to eventually give us tabernacle grounds free of cost.

ELDER JOS. F. MERRRIL APOSTLE

I repeat that I think the time will come when there will be more Latter-day Saints in California than in Utah.

Joseph Smith, a country-raised boy, and largely unschooled, became in his 15 years of ministry, the world's greatest prophet, except Jesus and the greatest American.

"The First Vision" is the most glorious vision ever given to man.

I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet and that Jesus is the Christ. The channels of communication with our Father and Lord are again open to whomsoever seeks aright.

The Word of Wisdom is the best brief statement for good health ever given. Food has more to do with health than anything else.

The most outstanding physical evidence our Church can give for Joseph Smith's divine calling is the Book of Mormon.—Josept F. Merrill, Apostle.

LDS parents have a real challenge in guiding their children as between good "outside" organizations and the Church activities so as to do justice to the Church of our Master.—President Harmon.

A general Primary Board member related in Primary Conference with tears in her eyes that her own son as a boy had been taken into an "outside" scout troop and now has grown into a fine man, but not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ.—Annette Wood.

I saw in Hawaii the fisherman who would stand on a high headland, spot the schools of fish, and signal to the other fishermen where the nets should be laid for the catch. We have our leaders in the Church to signal to us the things to do.—Annette Wood.

Proper home training and more church activities in the home is very essential.—D. H. Rock.

How can we convert others unless first we be converted? Our first need is to get a testimony. Get acquainted with the "Doctrine and Covenants." If in our meetings, we needed not to spend time admonishing one another, we could devote the time to spiritual and higher teachings with power that would draw crowds and fill our chapels.—Dr. Emery R. Ranker.

Uruguay is prepared and hungry for the Gospel like no other land. There were no members there three years ago, now we have nearly 500.—Elder D. H. Rock, Jr.

Let's apply the Gospel Monday through Saturday, as well as on Sunday. Everytime when in financial trouble that I have paid the Lord first I always found enough to pay men their dues. God's love is wonderful. He showers his love on us. All we need to do is to keep the commandments.—J. Lloyd Johnson.

It grieves one to see among our members those who are starving for want of the Gospel. I have seen pictures of starving children in foreign lands, but it also is grievous to see the spiritually starved. They let worldliness take the place of God. I know that God lives.—Clyde Summerhays.

We don't have a Helen Haddock or we would also produce our sewing Welfare Budget, said one outside of our stake. Helen and also Abby Stoddard works six hours a day for five days a week at the Welfare Center.

Any ward not calling on the Welfare for help, simply does not know the needs that exist in the ward.—Vera Mayhew.

What we persist in doing becomes tasy to do, not that the nature of the thing has changed, but our power to perform has been increased. This was a favorite of the late Heber J. Grant.—O. Leslie Stone.

Bigamy And Polygamy

ESAR'S JOKE BOOK

The unlucky fellow was amiable by nature and just couldn't say no, so he ended up with three wives before the year was out. The law stepped in and he was sent to prison for four years, to his apparent relief. As the expiration of his sentence neared, he wrote his lawyers a pitiful note, in which he queried, "Will it be safe to come out now?"

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The man with a sense of humor was arguing about polygamy with a Mormon. The Mormon was loud in his insistence that polygamy was perfectly moral. "I defy you, sir," he said with great dignity, "to cite me any passage of Scripture forbidding the practice." But the wit was ready for him and with a twinkle in his eye responded, "Well, how about that passage in the Bible that says no man can serve two masters?"

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The police judge called the next case. "What's the charge against this here feller?" he asked the policeman. "The charge is bigotry, yer Honor," replied the cop. "He's got three wives." "Three wives!" shouted the judge. "Why you dumbell, that ain't bigotry, that's trigonometry!"